

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Rejection of claims 1, 3, 6, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b):

Claims 1, 3, 6, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rothberg et al. (US 6,412,083).

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Response:

Claim 1 has been amended to overcome this rejection. The limitations previously contained in claim 4 have been added to claim 1, and claim 4 has been cancelled. Claim 4 had been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. As such, the currently
10 amended claim 1 is now in allowable form. Claims 3, 6, and 10 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 1, 3, 6, and 10 is therefore respectfully requested.

2. Rejection of claims 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

15 Claims 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rothberg et al. (US 6,412,083).

Response:

Claims 7-9 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowable if claim 1 is allowable.
20 Reconsideration of claims 7-9 is respectfully requested.

3. Introduction to new claims 11-17:

New independent claim 11 has been drafted to include the limitations of claims 1 and 5. Claim 5 had been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Thus,
25 claim 11 is in allowable form. New claims 12-17 are duplicates of original claims 3 and 6-10, respectively, and no new matter has been added through any of the new claims. In addition, claims 12-17 are dependent on claim 11, and should be allowed if claim 11 is

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allowed. Consideration of new claims 11-17 is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

5 Sincerely yours,



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